

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-66. (canceled).

67. (new): An external device for executing content data based on information received from a mobile information terminal, the external device comprising:

content execution means for, when a demand for executing the content data corresponding to a ticket acquired by said mobile information terminal from a ticket server storing the ticket necessary for executing said content data and information of a condition for utilizing and for executing said content data in said external device are received from said mobile information terminal, communicating with a content server corresponding to an address of said information of the condition for utilizing, for acquiring content data identified by a content ID of said information of the condition for utilizing from said content server, and for executing the acquired content data.

68. (new): The external device as claimed in claim 67, further comprising:

content storing means for storing the content data, wherein when the demand for executing said content data and said information of the condition for utilizing are received from said mobile information terminal, if said content data exists in the content storing means, said content execution means acquires said content data from said content storing means and executes the acquired content data and if said content data does not exist in the content storing means, said

content execution means communicates with said content server corresponding to the address of said information of the condition for utilizing, acquires content data identified by a content ID included in said information of the condition for utilizing from the content server, and executes the acquired content data.

69. (new): The external device as claimed in claim 67, wherein said content execution means determines where the content is acquired from among one of said mobile information terminal and said content server, and when said content data is acquired from said mobile information terminal, said content execution means refers to said mobile information terminal, and if said content data exists in the mobile information terminal, said content execution means acquires said content data from said mobile information terminal, and when said content data is acquired from said content server, said content execution means communicates with said content server corresponding to the address of said information of the condition for utilizing and acquires the content data identified by a content ID of said information of the condition for utilizing from the content server.

70. (new): The external device as claimed in claim 67, wherein when said content data is acquired from said content server, said content execution means firstly retrieves whether another external device has said content data stored therein, and if the other external device stores said content data, said content execution means acquires said content data from the other external device, and if the other external device does not store said content data, said content execution means acquires said content data directly from said content server.

71. (new): The external device as claimed in claim 67, wherein when said content data is acquired from said content server, said content execution means acquires content data having a higher quality than a quality of content data executed in said mobile information terminal acquired from said content server by the mobile information terminal.

72. (new): The external device as claimed in claim 67, wherein in response to receiving said information of the condition for utilizing including said ticket and a mobile information terminal identifier for identifying said mobile information terminal uniquely, said content execution means stores and manages said information of the condition for utilizing in external device storing means.

73. (new): The external device as claimed in claim 72, wherein said content execution means comprises:

means for sending external device identifying information including at least an external device ID for identifying an external device uniquely to said mobile information terminal in response to receiving said information of the condition for utilizing and storing said external device identifying information to said mobile information terminal; and

means for extracting said ticket of the information of the condition for utilizing of said mobile information terminal stored and managed in said external device storing means and sending the extracted ticket to said mobile information terminal in response to receiving said external device identifying information and a demand for collecting said ticket of said information of the condition for utilizing stored and managed in said external device storing means from said mobile information terminal.

74. (new): The external device as claimed in claim 67, further comprising:

content terminating means for sending data for confirming a presence of the mobile information terminal in response to the received demand for executing said content data at a predetermined interval to said mobile information terminal after executing said content data by said content execution means; continuing the execution of said content data while a response to said sent data is acquired from said mobile information terminal; and terminating the execution of said content data when a response to said sent data cannot be acquired from said mobile information terminal.

75. (new): A method for executing content performed in an external device executing content data based on information received from a mobile information terminal, the method comprising:

the external device performing a content execution step for, when a demand for executing the content data corresponding to a ticket acquired by said mobile information terminal from a ticket server storing the ticket necessary for executing said content data and information of a condition for utilizing and for executing said content data in said external device are received from said mobile information terminal, communicating with a content server corresponding to an address of said information of the condition for utilizing, acquiring the content data identified by a content ID included in said information of the condition for utilizing from said content server, and executing the acquired content data.

76. (new): A storage medium for storing a program for causing an external device to execute content data based on information received from a mobile information terminal to execute content, wherein the program causes the external device to perform content execution processing for, when a demand for executing the content data corresponding to a ticket acquired by said mobile information terminal from a ticket server storing the ticket necessary for executing said content data and information of a condition for utilizing and for executing said content data in said external device are received from said mobile information terminal, communicating with a content server corresponding to an address of said information of the condition for utilizing, acquiring content data identified by a content ID included in said information of the condition for utilizing from said content server, and executing the acquired content data.